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I would like to formally express my opposition to HB 3856. While I understand and appreciate the intention behind providing tax credits for individuals who purchase hunting and fishing permits, I am concerned about the accompanying increase in tag prices. The significant rise in costs for these permits undermines the benefits of the proposed tax credits, making it more challenging for outdoor enthusiasts to participate in these activities. I believe that a more balanced approach is necessary to support both conservation efforts and the accessibility of hunting and fishing for the public. Don't get me started on the number of predators that have been overpopulated. The deer numbers are fewer and fewer, the fish are fewer and fewer. I can't remember the last time I caught a fish that I could keep. The Rock Creek fish hatchery is not operable. The Archie Creek fire was several years ago. 2021 to be exact. My question to you is, why wasn't it rebuilt, if you are so concerned? If you are still receiving Oregon Lottery money in the millions, our schools and natural habitats should be overflowing with life. The locals are collecting funds to make Rock fish hatchery happen. Why aren't you!